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In the Specification

Please add the following paragraph beginning on line 21, page 3 as follows:

FIG. 9A is a top view of an exemplary interstation transfer apparatus provided in accordance with the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 11, page 9 as follows:

Although cassette stockers 50' and 50" are illustrated as positioned against the same cleanroom wall, the interstation transfer apparatus 120 could include rotary mechanisms 200 to allow handoff between end effectors 202', 202'' on different support beams 204', 204'' as shown in FIG. 9A. This would permit processing stations 20' and 20" to be positioned around the corners or at opposite walls of the cleanroom.